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To: W-2 Agency Directors

From: Bill Clingan /s/

Division Administrator

RE: Worker's Compensation Premiums

PURPOSE

This memo announces a premium holiday during Calendar Year 2005 for Wisconsin Works (W-2) Agencies that are participating in the Worker's Compensation (WC) Statewide Program.

BACKGROUND

All W-2 Agencies are required to have WC coverage for W-2 participants engaged in work activities at work sites, unless the work site sponsor agrees to provide coverage. Specifically, 49.147(4) (c), Wis. Statutes states that "a participant under this subsection is an employee of the W-2 Agency for purposes of worker's compensation coverage, except to the extent that the person for whom the participant is performing work provides worker's compensation coverage."

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS), offers a statewide program to W-2 Agencies that covers WC liability for participants injured while in paid status in work activities. W-2 Agencies that opt to participate in the program are charged WC premiums as a direct expense to their W-2 and Related Program Contract.

The quarterly premiums are based on the number of participants in a W-2 Community Service Job (CSJ), a W-2 Transitional Placement (W-2T) and/or the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program per the Client Assistance for Reemployment and Economic Support (CARES) System. Each participating W-2 Agency is charged \$25 per participant per calendar quarter which is approximately \$8 per participant per month for coverage.

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Under contract with the Department, Wausau Insurance Company provides coverage for participants in a W-2 CSJ or W-2T placement and the FSET programs <u>ONLY</u>. They also perform the administrative handling of all claims and pay the costs of major injuries costing more than \$350,000 per person. The state continues to be self-insured for amounts below \$350,000.

POLICY

Because the safety record has been excellent in the past years, DWS is able to offer a premium holiday for Calendar Year 2005 (01/01/05 – 12/21/05). This means that for those W-2 Agencies participating in the statewide program, costs for WC premiums for participants in 2005 will NOT be uploaded to their W-2 and Related Programs Contract.

WC premium information for Calendar Year 2006 will be issued in a future Administrative Memo.

ACTION SUMMARY STATEMENT

Financial Managers of the W-2 Agencies participating in the statewide WC program should note that no premiums are charged on the Central Office Reporting (CORe) reports. No other action is needed.

CONTACT

For questions about the WC Program, contact your grant /contract manager or Kelly Millard (608-266-5762) or Nancy Eilks (608-266-9405) at DWS, Bureau of Division-Wide Services.

cc: DWD/DWS Regional Office Contract Managers